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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

**Hugo Alfons Geerts et al.**

**Serial No.: 09/357,349**

**Group: Art Unit: 1647**

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**For: Neurotrophic Growth Factor**

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**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the USPTO Official Action mailed on October 2, 2000, Applicants respectfully request the following Amendment be entered.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel the non-elected claims, namely claims 1-6, 10-15, 19-23, 25-40, 42-43, 45-57, without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has required an election of species for examination purposes, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group II, claims 7-9, 17-18, 24, 41 and 44, without traverse.